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It's my understanding that your agency is aiming to establish a nation-wide "no call" list that would limit certain telemarketers in contacting those on the list. However, the measure, which in many cases is weaker than the laws in some states, would preempt state laws designed to thwart harassment by certain groups of telemarketers. I term it harassment when many people are afraid to answer their phone for fear that another unwanted call is coming in.

I would ask that the FCC not enact any proposals that would weaken Indiana phone customers' protection against unwanted telemarketing calls. I went on the Indiana list a few months ago and the change was dramatic. I receive almost no calls these days from unsolicited telemarketers—I used to receive up to 5-6 calls per day.

Everyone I have talked to who requested inclusion on the state no call list, coordinated by the state Attorney General, has reported similar, positive results. I believe Indiana's law could serve as a model for any federal law that seeks to virtually eliminate the harassing, bothersome interruptions at all hours of every day.

Thank you for your consideration. Michael Gooldy, Crown Point , Indiana